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LONDON FOR ARA DAS BUSHNELL

PANAMA FOR ROBERT PASTOR, NSC

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PINT, PEPR, DR

SUBJECT: PRD THREATENS GENERAL STRIKE

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- 1. GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF PRD VOTED LATE THIS AFTERNOON TO REJECT ANY EFFORT BY THE GOVERNMENT TO RESTART VOTE-COUNT, AS RUMOREDEARLIER AND NOW CONFIRMED (REFTEL).
- 2. EMBASSY TOLD THAT RESOLUTION COMMITTEE, HIGHEST EXECUTIVE BODY IN THE PARTY, WARNS THAT IF VOTE-COUNTING RESUMES, PARTY HAS AT ITS DISPOSAL THE "NECESSARY MECHANISMS" TO CALL A COUNTRY-WIDE GENERAL STRIKE. NO CLEAR TIMING ON SUCH A MOVE, IF IT IS DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT THE THREAT, WAS INDICATED.

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3. COMMENT. PARTY HAS REASONABLY GOOD CONNECTIONS WITH ORGANIZED LABOR, PARTICULARLY IN TRANSPORT SECTOR. GIVEN HIGH FEELING REPORTED TO US FROM VARIOUS AREAS OF THE COUNTRY, PRD COULD SERIOUSLY TIE THINGS UP HERE. AT THIS JUNCTURE, HOWEVER, SITUATION SEEMS TO HAVE EASED SOMEWHAT, AS REPORTED SEPTEL. YOST

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